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Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to article 8, paragraph 6, of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex), States parties shall be responsible for the expenses of the members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination while they are in performance of Committee duties.

2. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992, in which it endorsed the amendment to article 8 of the Convention that had been adopted at the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention in January 1992 (see annex I) and requested the Secretary-General to take the appropriate measures to provide for the financing of the Committee from the regular budget of the United Nations beginning with the budget for the biennium 1994-1995 and to take the necessary measures to ensure that the Committee meets as scheduled until the amendment enters into force.

3. Acting in his capacity as depositary, the Secretary-General communicated the amendment to all States parties on 1 March 1993. It will be recalled that at their Fourteenth Meeting, the States parties decided that the amendment would enter into force when accepted by a two-thirds majority of States parties which had so notified the Secretary-General as depositary. As at 30 July 1998, notifications of acceptance had been received from 24 States parties to the Convention.

4. At its fifty-second session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 52/110 of 12 December 1997, in which it strongly urged States parties to accelerate their domestic ratification procedures with regard to the amendment to the Convention concerning the financing of the Committee and to notify the Secretary-General expeditiously in writing of their agreement to the amendment, as decided upon at the Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties on 15 January 1992 and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992; requested the Secretary-General to continue to ensure adequate

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financial arrangements and appropriate means and to provide necessary support to ensure the functioning of the Committee and to enable it to cope with its increasing amount of work; and also requested him to invite those States parties that were in arrears to pay the amounts in arrears, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

5. In 1998, the Committee held two regular sessions, as had been scheduled. In accordance with resolution 47/111, financing for those sessions was provided from the regular budget. Consequently, no State party assessments were made in 1998. However, a number of States parties are still in arrears from the non-payment of previous assessments. As at 31 August 1998, the total outstanding arrears amounted to $180,091.81, as detailed in annex II.

Annex I

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, opened for signature in New York on 7 March 1966: approval by the General Assembly of the proposed amendment to article 8

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, and with reference to depositary notification C.N.285.1991.TREATIES-4 of 20 December 1991, communicates the following:

2. It will be recalled that the States parties to the above-mentioned Convention, at the twenty-second meeting of the Fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties, held on 15 January 1992, decided as follows:

> "1. To replace paragraph 6 of article 8 of the Convention with the paragraph 'The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall provide the necessary staff and facilities for the effective performance of the functions of the Committee under the Convention';
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> "2. To add a new paragraph, as article 8, paragraph 7, as follows: 'The members of the Committee established under the present Convention shall, with the approval of the General Assembly, receive emoluments from United Nations resources on such terms and conditions as the General Assembly may decide';
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> "4. That the amendment shall enter into force when it has been approved by the General Assembly and accepted by a two-thirds majority of States parties which shall have so notified the Secretary-General as depositary."

3. The General Assembly endorsed the amendment at its forty-seventh session (resolution 47/111 of 16 December 1992). In accordance with the above-quoted paragraph 4, it will enter into force when it is accepted by the required number of States parties which shall have so notified the Secretary-General.

Annex II

Status of contributions to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as at 31 August 1998

STATE PARTY	Contributions Payable as at 31 January 1993	1993 Assessments	Total Collections from 1993 to 1998 for 1993 and prior years a/	Contributions Payable as at 31 August 1998
Afghanistan	1,348.00	877.00	0.00	2,225.00
Algeria	0.00	1,177.00	1,177.00	0.00
Antigua and Barbuda	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Argentina	690.00	1,941.00	2,631.00	0.00
Australia	0.00	3,811.00	3,811.00	0.00
Austria	0.00	2,341.00	2,341.00	0.00
Bahamas	0.00	896.00	896.00	0.00
Bahrain	0.00	920.00	920.00	0.00
Bangladesh	876.00	877.00	0.00	1,753.00
Barbados	362.00	877.00	1,239.00	0.00
Belarus	1,426.00	1,869.00	0.00	3,295.00
Belgium	0.00	2,900.00	2,900.00	0.00
Bolivia	362.00	877.00	0.00	1,239.00
Botswana	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Brazil	1,792.00	4,056.00	5,848.00	0.00
Bulgaria	431.00	1,104.00	1,535.00	0.00
Burkina Faso	6,629.83	877.00	0.00	7,506.83
Burundi	8,899.00	877.00	0.00	9,776.00
Cambodia	2,244.00	877.00	0.00	3,121.00
Cameroon	942.04	877.00	0.00	1,819.04
Canada	7,004.00	0.00	7,004.00	0.00
Cape Verde	7,162.00	877.00	0.00	8,039.00
Central African Republic	7,783.89	877.00	0.00	8,660.89
Chad	211.40	877.00	0.00	1,088.40
Chile	1,006.00	1,015.00	2,021.00	0.00
China	0.00	2,367.00	2,367.00	0.00
Colombia	(0.09)	1,109.00	1,109.00	(0.09)
Congo	2,597.00	877.00	0.00	3,474.00
Costa Rica	3,888.86	872.00	0.00	4,760.86
Cote d'Ivoire	1,937.00	896.00	2,343.00	490.00
Cuba	0.00	1,035.00	2,035.00	(1,000.00)
Cyprus	0.00	896.00	896.00	0.00
Czech Republic b/	0.00	(502.00)	0.00	(502.00)
Democratic Republic of the Congo	(45.00)	877.00	0.00	832.00
Denmark	0.00	2,122.00	2,122.00	0.00
Dominican Republic	3,523.00	892.00	0.00	4,415.00
Ecuador	913.00	916.00	1,773.50	55.50
Egypt	0.00	994.00	994.00	0.00
El Salvador	7,162.00	877.00	0.00	8,039.00
Equatorial Guinea	442.00	0.00	0.00	442.00
Estonia	0.00	1,205.00	0.00	1,205.00
Ethiopia	(514.00)	877.00	363.00	0.00
Fiji	362.00	877.00	1,239.00	0.00
Finland	0.00	2,007.00	2,007.00	0.00

STATE PARTY	Contributions Payable as at 31 January 1993	1993 Assessments	Total Collections from 1993 to 1998 for 1993 and prior years a/	Contributions Payable as at 31 August 1998
France	0.00	12,590.00	12,590.00	0.00
Gabon	892.00	892.00	0.00	1,784.00
Gambia	7,831.00	877.00	0.00	8,708.00
Germany	0.00	18,294.00	18,294.00	0.00
Ghana	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Greece	0.00	1,524.00	1,524.00	0.00
Guatemala	1,389.20	896.00	912.24	1,372.96
Guinea	903.80	877.00	0.00	1,780.80
Guyana	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Haiti	1,750.00	877.00	0.00	2,627.00
Holy See	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Hungary	0.00	1,199.00	1,199.00	0.00
Iceland	0.00	916.00	916.00	0.00
India	0.00	1,562.00	1,562.00	0.00
Iran, Islamic Republic of	0.00	2,411.00	0.00	2,411.00
Iraq	(248.92)	1,117.00	868.08	0.00
Israel	1,949.00	1,320.00	3,269.00	0.00
Italy	(1.00)	9,456.00	9,456.00	(1.00)
Jamaica	362.00	877.00	1,239.00	0.00
Jordan	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Kuwait	501.00	1,332.00	1,833.00	0.00
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Latvia	0.00	1,322.00	1,322.00	0.00
Lebanon	4,822.00	877.00	4,460.00	1,239.00
Lesotho	1,348.00	877.00	2,225.00	0.00
Liberia	7,139.00	877.00	0.00	8,016.00
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2,053.00	1,313.00	3,366.00	0.00
Luxembourg	0.00	975.00	975.00	0.00
Madagascar	901.87	877.00	0.00	1,778.87
Maldives	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Mali	9,850.00	877.00	0.00	10,727.00
Malta	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Mauritania	2,285.00	877.00	0.00	3,162.00
Mauritius	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Mexico	0.00	2,567.00	2,567.00	0.00
Mongolia	876.00	877.00	0.00	1,753.00
Morocco	0.00	912.00	912.00	0.00
Mozambique	5,097.00	877.00	0.00	5,974.00
Nepal	876.00	877.00	1,753.00	0.00
Netherlands	0.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00
New Zealand	0.00	1,331.00	1,331.00	0.00
Nicaragua	2,244.00	877.00	0.00	3,121.00
Niger	2,750.00	877.00	0.00	3,627.00
Nigeria	1,899.00	1,251.00	3,150.00	0.00

STATE PARTY	Contributions Payable as at 31 January 1993	1993 Assessments	Total Collections from 1993 to 1998 for 1993 and prior years a/	Contributions Payable as at 31 August 1998
Norway	(15.00)	1,941.00	1,926.00	0.00
Pakistan	0.01	975.00	975.01	0.00
Panama	1,122.00	896.00	2,218.00	(200.00)
Papua New Guinea	362.00	877.00	0.00	1,239.00
Peru	2,469.00	975.00	3,444.00	0.00
Philippines	(211.11)	986.00	774.89	0.00
Poland	610.00	1,744.00	2,354.00	0.00
Portugal	0.00	1,260.00	1,260.00	0.00
Qatar	393.00	955.00	1,348.00	0.00
Republic of Korea	0.00	2,425.00	2,425.00	0.00
Romania	1,819.00	1,184.00	3,003.00	0.00
Russian Federation	18,149.00	12,750.00	30,899.00	0.00
Rwanda	876.00	877.00	0.00	1,753.00
Saint Lucia	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	6,637.00	877.00	0.00	7,514.00
Senegal	(816.19)	877.00	0.00	60.81
Seychelles	876.00	877.00	666.14	1,086.86
Sierra Leone	8,659.00	877.00	0.00	9,536.00
Slovenia	0.00	1,205.00	1,205.00	0.00
Solomon Islands	2,244.00	877.00	0.00	3,121.00
Somalia	7,028.00	877.00	0.00	7,905.00
Spain	0.00	4,777.00	4,777.00	0.00
Sri Lanka	0.00	877.00	877.00	0.00
Sudan	3,510.00	877.00	0.00	4,387.00
Suriname	3,084.00	877.00	3,961.00	0.00
Swaziland	362.00	877.00	1,239.00	0.00
Sweden	0.00	3,003.00	3,003.00	0.00
Syrian Arab Republic	385.00	936.00	1,321.00	0.00
Togo	1,367.04	877.00	0.00	2,244.04
Tonga	798.00	877.00	0.00	1,675.00
Trinidad and Tobago	820.17	955.00	1,782.38	(7.21)
Tunisia	0.00	916.00	916.00	0.00
Uganda	362.00	877.00	0.00	1,239.00
Ukraine	3,026.00	4,820.00	7,846.00	0.00
United Arab Emirates	0.00	1,280.00	1,280.00	0.00
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0.00	10,836.00	10,836.00	0.00
United Republic of Tanzania	1,898.00	877.00	0.00	2,775.00
Uruguay	385.00	936.00	1,321.00	0.00
Venezuela	0.00	1,788.00	2,933.47	(1,145.47)
Viet Nam	2,244.00	877.00	0.00	3,121.00
Yemen	924.00	877.00	0.00	1,801.00

STATE PARTY	Contributions Payable as at 31 January 1993	1993 Assessments	Total Collections from 1993 to 1998 for 1993 and prior years a/		Contributions Payable as at 31 August 1998
Yugoslavia	1,435.00	1,122.00	0.00		2,557.00
Zambia	(2,146.88)	877.00	201.40		(1,471.28)
Zimbabwe	993.00	1,093.00	0.00		2,086.00
TOTAL	**196,551.92**	**217,024.00**	**233,484.11**	c/	**180,091.81**

a/ In accordance with records of the Contributions Service as at 31 August 1998

b/ An amount of $502.00, which represents the surplus of the 1991 contribution made by the former Czechoslovakia, has been placed in suspense pending action, if any, by the Czech Republic and Slovakia, with respect to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

c/ Includes credits held in suspense account totalling $3,825.05 in favour of seven States parties.